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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn) A compound of formula I:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R^{1} & R^{3} \\ N & R^{4} \end{bmatrix} \bullet n(R^{6}CO_{2}H)$$

$$R^{2} \qquad R^{5}$$

$$I$$

wherein:

is

R¹ and R² are each independently alkyl or -(alkylene)-epoxyethyl;

R³ is alkyl, aralkyl, or aryl, wherein said alkyl, aralkyl or aryl is optionally substituted with 0-5 Z;

 R^4 and R^5 are each independently H, alkyl, or aryl, wherein said alkyl or aryl optionally substituted with 0-5 Z;

R⁶ is H, alkyl, aryl or aralkyl;

Z is:

R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently H, alkyl, or aryl;

 R^9 and R^{10} are each independently alkyl or -(alkylene)-epoxyethyl;

j is the integer 0 or 1;

n is a number in the range from about 0.8Y to about Y; and

Y is the number of amine nitrogen atom equivalents in said compound;

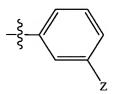
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provided that at least two of R¹, R², R⁹ and R¹⁰ are -(alkylene)-epoxyethyl.

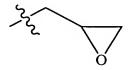
2. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein R³ is phenyl, optionally substituted with

0-5 Z.

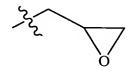
3. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein R³ is:



- 4. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^7 and R^8 are each H and wherein Z is $-CH_2NR^9R^{10}$.
- 5. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 4, wherein at least two of R^1 , R^2 , R^9 , and R^{10} are:



6. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 4, wherein each of R¹, R², R⁹, and R¹⁰ is:



- 7. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is substantially water soluble.
- 8. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein R³ is cyclohexyl.

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9. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein -(alkylene)-epoxyethyl is:

10. (withdrawn) A compound of formula II:

wherein:

is

R¹ and R² are each independently alkyl or -(alkylene)-epoxyethyl;

R³ is alkyl, aralkyl, or aryl, wherein said alkyl, aralkyl or aryl is optionally substituted with 0-5 Z;

R⁴ and R⁵ are each independently H, alkyl, or aryl, wherein said alkyl or aryl optionally substituted with 0-5 Z;

R⁶ is H, alkyl, aryl or aralkyl;

Z is:

R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently H, alkyl, or aryl;

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R⁹ and R¹⁰ are each independently alkyl or -(alkylene)-epoxyethyl;

j is the integer 0 or 1;

provided that at least two of R¹, R², R⁹ and R¹⁰ are -(alkylene) epoxyethyl.

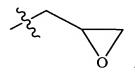
- 11. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 10, wherein R³ is phenyl, optionally substituted with 0-5 Z.
- 12. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 10, wherein R³ is:

13. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 10, wherein Z is:

and wherein R⁷ and R⁸ are each H.

14. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 13, wherein at least two of R¹, R², R⁹, and R¹⁰ are:

15. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 13, wherein each of R¹, R², R⁹, and R¹⁰ is:



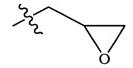
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16. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 10, wherein said compound is substantially water soluble.

- 17. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 10, wherein R³ is cyclohexyl, wherein said cyclohexyl is optionally substituted with 0-3 Z.
- 18. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 10, wherein -(alkylene)-epoxyethyl is:



- 19. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 10, wherein said compound is substantially water soluble.
- 20. (original) A polyepoxy resin composition comprising a compound of formula III:

$$R^{1}$$
 N —(alkylene) $_{j}$
 R^{2}
 R^{5}
III

wherein:

is

R¹ and R² are each independently alkyl or -(alkylene)-epoxyethyl;

R³ is alkyl, aralkyl, or aryl, wherein said alkyl, aralkyl or aryl is optionally substituted with 0-5 Z;

R⁴ and R⁵ are each independently H, alkyl, or aryl, wherein said alkyl or aryl optionally substituted with 0-5 Z;

Z is:

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R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently H, alkyl, or aryl;

 R^9 and R^{10} are each independently alkyl or -(alkylene)-epoxyethyl;

j is the integer 0 or 1;

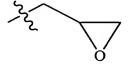
provided that at least two of R^1 , R^2 , R^9 and R^{10} are -(alkylene) epoxyethyl; and a carboxylic acid.

- 21. (original) The composition of claim 20, wherein the ratio of carboxylic acid equivalents to amine equivalents of the compound of formula III is at least about 0.8.
- 22. (original) The composition of claim 21, wherein said ratio is within the range of about 0.8 to about 5.
- 23. (original) The composition of claim 21, wherein said ratio is within the range of about 0.8 to about 2.
- 24. (original) The composition of claim 21, wherein said ratio is within the range of about 0.8 to about 1.5.
- 25. (original) The composition of claim 20, wherein said aryl is:

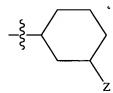
wherein R^7 and R^8 are each H, wherein Z is -CH₂NR⁹R¹⁰, and wherein each of R^1 , R^2 , R^9 , and R^{10} is:

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- 26. (original) The composition of claim 20, wherein said composition is substantially water soluble.
- 27. (original) The composition of claim 20, further comprising water.
- 28. (original) The composition of claim 25, wherein said composition is substantially water soluble.
- 29. (original) The composition of claim 25, further comprising water.
- 30. (currently amended) The compound composition of claim 22, wherein R³ is:



- 31. (original) A coating produced from a mixture comprising:
 the polyepoxy resin composition of claim 20; and
 a curative.
- 32. (original) The coating produced of claim 31, wherein said carboxylic acid is acetic acid.
- 33. (original) The coating produced of claim 31, wherein the compound of formula III of said polyepoxy resin is:

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34. (original) The coating produced of claim 33, wherein said formula III compound is:

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35. (original) The coating produced of claim 33, wherein said formula III compound is:

- 36. (original) The coating produced of claim 34, wherein said carboxylic acid is acetic acid.
- 37. (original) A kit for forming a coating produced from a mixture comprising the polyepoxy resin composition of claim 20.
- 38. (original) The kit of claim 37, further comprising water.
- 39. (original) The kit of claim 37, further comprising a curative.
- 40. (original) The kit of claim 37, wherein the carboxylic acid is acetic acid.
- 41. (original) The kit of claim 37, wherein the compound of formula III is:

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42. (original) The kit of claim 41, wherein said formula III compound is:

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43. (original) The kit of claim 41, wherein said formula III compound is:

- 44. (withdrawn) A method for making a polyepoxy resin water soluble, comprising: contacting said resin with a carboxylic acid.
- 45. (withdrawn) The method of claim 44, wherein said carboxylic acid is water soluble.
- 46. (withdrawn) The method of claim 44, wherein said carboxylic acid is acetic acid.
- 47. (withdrawn) A compound of formula IIA:

$$R^{7}$$
 R^{8}
 R^{9}
 R^{10}
 R^{10}
 R^{10}
 R^{10}
 R^{10}
 R^{10}

wherein:

t is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;

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t' is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;

R⁷, R⁷, R⁸, and R⁸ are each independently H, alkyl, or aryl;

 R^9 , $R^{9'}$, R^{10} , and $R^{10'}$ are each independently alkyl or -(alkylene)-epoxyethyl; and Z is the anion of a weak acid.

- 48. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 47, wherein R⁷, R⁷, R⁸, and R⁸ are each H, and t and t' are each 1.
- 49. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 47 wherein the six-membered ring is metasubstituted.
- 50. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 47 wherein the six-membered ring is phenyl.
- 51. (withdrawn) The compound of claim 47 wherein the weak acid is acetic acid.